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EMPLOYMENT ON COMPASSIONATE GROUND
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)The details of the number of pending cases in various circles regarding providing employment on compassionate ground under various categories as on October 31, 2006;

(b)The details of the pending cases under various circles of MTNL/BSNL/Postal Services, year-wise;

(c)The steps taken/being taken by the Government to settle the pending cases; and

(d)The time by which all the pending cases are likely to be settled?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The Circle-wise details of pending cases in various Circles regarding employment on compassionate ground under various categories in MTN L, BSNL and Postal Services as on 31-10-2006 are given in Annexure-I, II and III respectively.

(b)The year-wise details of pending cases under various Circles of MTNL, BSNL and Postal Services are given in Annexure-IV, V and VI respectively.

(c) & (d) MTNL: The Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Management has decided to impose a complete ban on compassionate ground appointment in the Board meeting held on 16-02-2004.

BSNL: The criterion for appointments on compassionate ground prescribed by Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension is being followed in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL). Compassionate grounds appointments can be made up to maximum of 5% of vacancies arising with a year under direct recruitment quota in Non-Executive category posts. Disposal of pending cases is progressively done keeping in view the availability of vacant posts in compassionate ground appointment quota. Hence it is a continuous process.

Postal Wing: Every Postal circle has a Circle Relaxation Committee which meets to examine cases objectively as per guidelines issued by the Nodal Ministry prior to the commencement of the annual direct recruitment plan. All the cases are examined by the Circle Relaxation Committee and only indigent cases recommended for appointment on compassionate grounds. Extremely penurious cases are considered for a period of three years. Hence this is a continuous process.